

ORDINANCE NO. 01-394

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS AMENDING CHAPTERS
14.02, 14.48 AND 14.80 OF TITLE 14 OF THE LOS ALTOS MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING PERSONAL GROOMING SERVICE BUSINESSES IN THE
CRS (COMMERCIAL RETAIL SALES) ZONING DISTRICT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. FINDINGS: The City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby finds:

- (a) That it is the policy of the State of California, as provided in Section 65860 et. seq. of the California Government Code, that the zoning ordinance shall be consistent with the City's General Plan.
- (b) That adoption of the proposed code amendments is in the best public interest for the promotion of the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity and welfare.
- (c) That the proposed code amendments will serve to achieve the following objectives of the zoning ordinance: (i) guide community growth along sound lines; (ii) ensure a harmonious and convenient relationship among land uses; (iii) promote business activities of appropriate types; (iv) protect and enhance real property values within the City; and (v) conserve the City's natural beauty, to improve its appearance, and to preserve and enhance its distinctive physical character.
- (d) That the proposed code amendments are consistent with the Los Altos General Plan because they provide a mechanism for implementing the goals, policies and programs of Chapter 6 (Economic Development) of the General Plan, and the policies and principles of the adopted Downtown Urban Design Plan.
- (e) That the CRS Study Committee, comprised of community representatives appointed by the City Council, on October 9, 2000 recommended to the City Council the adoption of an ordinance requiring conditional use permits for personal services to be located on the ground floor on Main or State Streets in the CRS zoning district, in order to retain and enhance the pedestrian-oriented environment on those streets.
- (f) It can be seen with certainty that no environmental effects will occur from the code amendments, and therefore the action is not subject to review under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (g) That the City Council and Planning Commission have heard and considered oral comments and written information submitted at public meetings, such comments and information indicating a distinct need for adoption of an ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 14.48.030 AM is hereby added to Chapter 14.48 of Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code as follows, with subsequent existing sections to be renumbered accordingly:

"AM. Personal grooming services, except if located in a ground floor building space that fronts directly on Main Street or State Street."

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 14.48.050 M is hereby added to Chapter 14.48 of Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code as follows, with subsequent existing sections to be renumbered accordingly:

“M. Personal grooming services, if located in a ground floor building space that fronts directly on Main Street or State Street;”

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT OF CODE: The definition of “Personal service” contained in Section 14.02.070 of Article 2 of Chapter 14.02 of Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

““Personal service” means uses that predominantly sell services of a personal convenience nature directly to the public, generally for consumer, household or business uses. Examples include dry cleaners and repair shops, but exclude personal grooming services, banks, financial services and medical offices. In the CRS zone, the Planning Director may only permit personal service uses where it is determined that the use would be consistent with the “village” atmosphere of the district, as set forth in the purposes of the CRS zone.”

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT OF CODE: The definition of “Personal grooming services” is hereby added to Section 14.02.070 of Article 2 of Chapter 14.02 of Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code as follows:

““Personal grooming services” include, but are not limited to, the presence to a degree of 25% or more of the following types of businesses and/or services: barbers; beauty salons and related services; cosmetologists; electrolysis; facial and/or skin care services; hair dressers and/or hair stylists; hair removal and/or replacement; manicurists; nail salons; pedicurists; permanent make-up; skin and body care services, piercing services, beauty colleges and tattooing services.”

SECTION 6. AMENDMENT OF CODE: Section 14.80.045 is hereby added to Chapter 14.80 of Title 14 of the Los Altos Municipal Code as follows:

“14.080.045 Hearings - Procedures for CRS District.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 14.80.040 of this chapter, the Planning Commission shall be the decision-making body for conditional use permit applications in the CRS zone as required by this Title. All other applicable provisions of this chapter shall remain in effect. The action of the Planning Commission shall be final unless it is appealed in writing to the City Council, and the appropriate fee paid, within 15 days of the date of the action.”

SECTION 7. EXPIRATION OF URGENCY ORDINANCE: Upon the effective date of this ordinance, Ordinance No. 00-392, an urgency ordinance, shall expire.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION: A summary of this ordinance shall be published in the Los Altos Town Crier, as provided for in Government Code Section 36933.

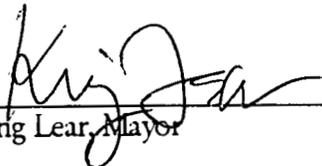
SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the date of its adoption.

The foregoing ordinance was duly and regularly introduced at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos on January 9, 2001, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on January 23, 2001, passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Lear, Councilmembers Becker, Casto, La Poll and Moss

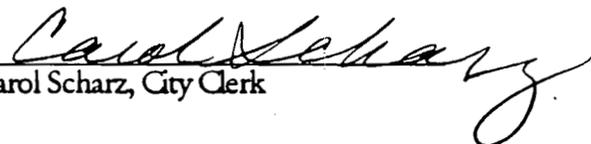
NOES: None

ABSENT: None



King Lear, Mayor

Attest:



Carol Scharz, City Clerk

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